information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SETTING UP OF FAST FOOD OUTLETS BY MACDONALD

3146. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved in principle the entry of the multi-national MacDonald of USA into India, for setting up fast food outlets ;

(b) whether Government would re-consider the decision in the context that India needs more overseas investment only in core industrial sector and high technology sector and not on Burgers and Colas ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that MacDonald venture involves breeding and slaughter of animals for human consumption hereby requiring grains and pulses diverted for feeding animals, and thus making these items scarce for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Statement on Industrial Policy laid on the Table of the House on 24th July, 1991 permits foreign direct Investment in high priority industries as also in other sectors. Over 80 per cent of the foreign direct investment approved in the post-policy period is in high priority sectors.

(c) It is expected that M/s. McDonald's venture in India may *inter alia*, also stimulate the introduction of new farming/dairy techniques and widen the geographic areas of production to meet increased demand for agricultural/dairy products.

INDUSTRIES CLOSED IN MADHYA PRADESH

3147. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of industries closed in Madhya Pradesh during last three years, District-wise and in the current year ;

(b) what is the number of industries referred to the Board for industrial and Financial Reconstruction ; and

(c) what is the number out of them which have been rehabilitated so far by BIFR and details of compensations paid to the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SALE OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNITS

3148. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has recommended the sale of Public Sector Units having no significant social obligations and also for direct participation by the Private Sector in the disinvestment proceeding besides the participation by the foreign investors ;

(b) if so, what are the implications involved ; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DEMAND FOR COIR PRODUCTS

3149. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for coir and coir products has increased world-wide ;

(b) if so, what is India's share in the international coir exports ;

(c) what steps are being taken to develop export markets ; and

(d) what were the coir export earnings during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir, the demand for coir and coir products has increased world-wide.

(b) India's share in the international coir export during 1992-93 is 32354 tonnes which works out to 30 per cent of the world trade.

(c) The Coir Board, which is a statutory body, has taken various measures to boost the export of coir and coir products in the International market. The Board has undertaken joint publicity programme with coir importers Associations abroad for promoting consumption of Indian Coir in European countries. The Board also participates in International exhibitions and organises market development delegations to these countries.

(d) Export earnings during the last three years are given below :

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1990-91	4832.85
1991-92	7411.63
1992-93	9595.31

REVIVAL PLAN FOR BHARAT OPHTHALMIC GLASS LIMITED

3150. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI JIBON ROY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Unions, Officers Association and Management jointly submitted revival plan of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited on 28th July, 1993 to the Department of Heavy Industry, being the promoter of the company, for onward transmission to BIFR/IDBI.

(b) whether it is also a fact that till November, 1993, the Department of Heavy Industry have not suggested any modification of the said revival plan to the company since they have accepted it in totality and sent it to BIFR/IDBI as a revival plan of promoter ; and

(c) if not, what are the details of Government support proposed to be extended for revival of the company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The joint revival plan submitted by Unions, Officers' Association and Management of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd. in July 1993, has been forwarded to IDBI, the Operating Agency nominated by the BIFR, for